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3/18/69

Dear Mr. Brown,

Again I consult you as cryptographic expert, this time with the observation of a friend who I had asked to look for any occurrence of the number 110,669. His letters are attached.

Should you consult anyone else, I'd prefer that these numbers not be disclosed, if at all possible. Could you pose any question with substituted similar numbers?

In fact, I would like the entire matter to be quite confidential.

However, I do let you know the significance of 110,669. It is one of the most entirely suppressed facts of the entire investigation. Despite all the misrepresentations, it is the number allegedly that of Oswald as an agent.

He was never alleged to have been Agent S-179, or to have been paid on Voucher No. S-179. These were deliberate misrepresentations. They served the additional deceptive purpose of making it possible for affidavits of denial to be prepared by the J. Edgar Hoovers with no danger of perjury.

I look forward to hearing from you. I plan to use this in a partly-written book, AGENT OSWALD.

Have you tried to learn whether there might be significance for the Russian "DD" before the 19106 in Oswald's notebook?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

(sorry for the handwriting; my typewriter is not handy. I'll try to write larger than I usually do)

7 March 1964

Harold -

You told me to watch out for the number 110669, and why that number is significant. I have thought about it, and the material that follows indicates the first step in the course of my thinking. I plan to pursue this further when I can get in touch with someone who can help me, but now I offer it merely as a suggestion for a line of inquiry.

I caution you that I do not know about matters related to codes, so realize how tentatively I offer this. I'll try to contact someone who knows about such matters, and he may be able to determine the validity of this line of inquiry.

I suggest that you compare 110669 with the number 19106 that appears in the notebooks of both Shaw and Oswald. 19106 was the Russian letters for "D.D." preceding 19106, and Shaw lists the following address:

Lee Odum
P.O. Box 19106
Dallas, Tex.

Not only do the notebook numbers correspond, but also the name Lee Odum corresponds with Lee Oswald in the first name and first initial of the last name; that is, Lee O'dum corresponds with Lee O'swald. That relationship adds considerably to the probability that the correspondence between the two notebook numbers is not accidental.

Considering the numbers themselves, one ought also to ponder this feature: that both 110669 and 19106 contain only the digits 1, 6, 9, and 0. All these four digits appear in both numbers, and neither of the numbers contains other digits.

The conversion of one number to the other is easily accomplished. Because I do not know about cryptography, I cannot explain the rationality of the system, but I shall try to check and learn whether there is a ~~standard~~ standard or systematic method of conversion.

The 5-digit number can be converted to the 6-digit number by repeating the last digit, and shifting the second digit to the end of the series; e.g.:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 6 & \text{---} \\ \uparrow & & & & & \nearrow \\ 1 & & 1 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 9 \end{array}$$

Conversely, the 6-digit number can be converted to the 5 digit as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 9 \\ \uparrow & & & & & \downarrow \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 9 \end{array}$$

As I said, I do not know about codes, and cannot tell whether this represents a logical method of conversion. I suggest that you make inquiries about it; I'll do the same. I think I may be guessing in the right area, but do not know of any reasons for so guessing are justified.

To carry speculation one step farther (assuming that I am right about the substitution relationship between the two numbers), this might be the motive for the inclusion of 19106 in the notebooks of the two men:

Oswald wanted to remember the number 110669, and entered it cryptically in his notebook (while in Russia) as "DD" 19106. The letters "DD" may have no significance.

Shaw wanted to remember not only the number, but also the person with whom it was associated. The name Lee (Edum) stands for Lee (Oswald), and 19106 ~~is~~ is a coded version of 110669.

The "real" Lee Edum, who surfaced in Dallas after Garrison played with the number 19106, would of course negate all speculation regarding the association of the two numbers in question. If it appears that there is a standard or systematic method of converting 19106 to 110669, then I would be strongly inclined to reject Lee Edum of Dallas as a phony. I suspect that, in any case,

Does this make sense to you?

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